

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, JANUARY 16, 1947.

The Board of Public Works met on January 16, 1947, in the office of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, Maryland.

There were present: Wm. Preston Lane, Jr., Governor
J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. James J. Lacy, Comptroller-elect, was present at this meeting at the invitation of the Board.

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Director, Department of Budget and Procurement, also attended the meeting.

BUDGET:

Mr. Kirkman submitted to the Board for approval detailed statements showing the allocation of the lump sum amounts appropriated at the Special Session of the General Assembly, held December 27, 1946, to supplement appropriations for the several State Agencies listed in the Act of that Session for the year ending June 30, 1947.

The Board approved the statements as submitted.

FREDERICK COUNTY:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board requests received from the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, and from the Register of Wills for Frederick County, that the Board of Public Works prescribe salaries for the respective officials as authorized by Chapter 654 and Chapter 888 of the Acts of 1945, respectively.

After due consideration of these requests, and comparing the duties and salaries of the two officials with that paid in other counties, it was agreed that salary of \$4,800.00 per year, in each case, be approved.

POST WAR CONSTRUCTION:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board that requests were being received from State Agencies for authorizations to proceed with the construction of projects for such agencies previously approved by the Board in the State's Post War Construction Program.

After considering the State's construction program generally and deciding that there is need for further study in connection with the construction which is needed by the State, it was decided to withhold authority to ask for bids for construction work until the Board has had an opportunity to go into the matter of the State's needs for construction.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Rosewood State Training School requesting authority to proceed to ask for bids on the remodeling of Central Cottage and Wyman Cottage, for quarters for employees, and to have plans and specifications prepared for other quarters for employees.

In view of the action of the Board relative to the State's Construction Program approval to this request was deferred.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Rosewood State Training School requesting authority to award a contract to the Wallace Roofing Company in the amount of \$14,000.00 for guttering, slate roofing, spouting, etc. The Board was requested to approve the awarding of this contract without the contractor furnishing a Completion Bond.

After due consideration, the Board was not willing to approve the request of the school but felt that if a contract is to be awarded to the Wallace Roofing Company, it would be necessary that the usual bond be furnished.

The Board indicated that it would be willing to approve the award of a contract to the Wallace Roofing Company without a bond if the company would agree to perform the work without any payments being made during the course of the work and to receive payment in full upon completion of the contract and after the work has been accepted by the State as being satisfactory.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board copy of letter written to Mr. E. Wilson Booth, architect, by Mr. J. Roland Dashiell, contractor for the erection of the new hospital at Salisbury, Maryland for the chronic diseased, in which letter complaint is made as to the inability of the contractor to proceed with construction because of the lack of Certificate of Approval for this work from the Federal CPA.

Mr. Kirkman discussed the efforts that have been made by Dr. Riley, Senator Tydings, and former Governor O'Connor to obtain this Certificate. Up to this time it has not been possible to secure the necessary approval. Mr. Kirkman stated that Dr. Riley was still working on the matter and that as far as he could see there no possibility of hurrying the matter along, any more than has been done.

In view of the situation, the Board felt that there was no action it could take to help the situation, but requested Mr. Kirkman to keep the Board informed of developments in the case.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board letter received from Morgan State College setting forth bids received in connection with the construction of the Dining Hall for that institution.

In view of the action of the Board relative to construction generally, no approval was given by the Board for the acceptance of any of the bids submitted.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board an account of the University of Maryland Building Program as set forth in an article which appeared in The Sun under dated of November 29, 1946, and called attention to the fact that there is nothing in the records of the Board, which must approve all construction work of the University of Maryland, as to the program shown in the newspaper account for the school.

It was the opinion of the Board that the construction at the University of Maryland would be subject to the action taken by the Board at this meeting as to construction for all other State Agencies.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter received from Dr. H. C. Byrd, President, University of Maryland, stating that while it was agreeable to him that the allocation of \$75,000 for the Crisfield Sea Food Technological Laboratory should come from the amount set up for a new Auditorium at College Park, it was his understanding that this money was to be replaced in the University's construction account.

The Secretary stated that it was not his understanding that the money was to be replaced. Mr. Kirkman stated that Governor O'Connor had told him it was his understanding with Dr. Byrd that the money would be replaced. However, this fact was not mentioned at the meeting of the Board at which the construction of the Laboratory was approved. Governor Lane requested Mr. Kirkman to contact former Governor O'Connor and have him confirm the fact that he had promised Dr. Byrd to replace this money in the University's account.

The Secretary called attention to the file of the Board in connection with the question of a Bayside State Park and stated that the report of the Board of Natural Resources was still awaiting action on the part of the Board.

After discussion of this matter it was agreed that the file should be left with Governor Lane so that he might have an opportunity to familiarize himself with the situation and be able to give it some thought, since he has not had the opportunity to know anything about what has been done up to this time.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board two letters received from Mr. Frederic A. Fletcher, architect, relative to the Addition to the Administration Building for the Department of Motor Vehicles, requesting authority for certain changes in this work which would entail extra cost to the State. In the first instance, it is requested that \$599.47 additional be authorized to cover the cost of using marbleized tile in lieu of asphalt tile due to the fact that the manufacturers have stopped making the tile set forth in the specifications; secondly, that entrance switches, meters, cutouts, etc. necessary to an installation covering all necessary light and power now existing be removed and that instead of installing the new apparatus required by the Contract on the West Wall of the Boiler Room, both the existing portion and the Additions be combined in one complete installation, at an approximate cost of \$4,800.00.

In connection with these requests the Board felt that the State should have the benefit of the advice of the Engineer in the service of the Department of Budget and Procurement concerning the work suggested by Mr. Fletcher. The Secretary was requested to turn this matter over to Mr. Kirkman for investigation and later advice to the Board.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication received from Col. Beverly Ober, Superintendent, Maryland State Police, relative to the fire which occurred November 27, 1946 at the Old Soldiers' Home in Pikesville, causing a loss of \$4,247.85 to the State. Col. Ober recommended that if the State plans to make alterations to this building to take care of the Headquarters of the Department of State Police, the roof should be promptly replaced.

The Board was agreeable to Col. Ober obtaining prices for such repair work and submitting them to Mr. Kirkman for his recommendation to the Board.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter received from Mr. Paul J. Bailey, attorney, Leonardtown, Maryland, recommending Mr. James J. Baldwin, architect, of Washington, for consideration in the work to be done by the State for the New Police Barracks at Waldorf, Maryland. The Board requested the Secretary to ask Col. Ober for a recommendation in this connection.

The Board formally approved the acceptance of bid of the Colwill Construction Company in the amount of \$24,887.00 for additional work on three cottages and the Administration Building at the Maryland State Reformatory for Women, with payment to be made from the item of \$75,000 available to the institution to correct leaking walls and for steel grilles for cottages, approval to acceptance of this bid having been given by the members of the Board individually, prior to this meeting.

Mr. Kirkman advised the Board that Montrose School for Girls was desirous of doing certain renovation work to the interior of the Mansion House, at a probable cost of \$5,500.00, and wished to employ an architect to supervise such work.

The Board felt that this matter should be deferred pending a report covering the State's construction program generally.

The Secretary reported to the Board that the firm of G. T. Beckstrom and Company, Inc., of Baltimore, had been awarded a contract by the State Teachers' College at Bowie for the doing of exterior painting at that institution in the amount of \$3,450.00.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication received from Buckler, Fenhagen, Meyer & Ayers, architects, relative to the Addition to the Service Building for Henryton Hospital, and submitting bids for this construction.

After considering the matter the Board felt it was unable to authorize the awarding of a contract for this work because of action previously taken on this matter of construction by the State at this meeting to defer such approvals until the State has an opportunity to ascertain what construction is necessary and can be considered to be of an emergency nature. The Secretary was instructed to refer the matter to Mr. Kirkman so that he might make some investigation as to whether some of the work covered in the proposal

was emergency at this time and to report to the Governor regarding it.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board communication received from Mr. Frederic A. Fletcher, architect, advising of the difficulties being encountered in the obtaining of material for the construction of the flat portion of the Staff Cottage for Maryland Training School for Colored Girls. Mr. Fletcher advised that the flat portions of the roof were designed for the use of gypsum planking, which is unobtainable, and that the next cheapest construction is concrete planking, which can be used without changing the steel framing, and which would cost \$510.00 more than the gypsum.

After considering the matter, the Board approved the use of gypsum planking at an extra cost of \$510.00, the price for this construction to be increased accordingly.

The Board approved payments made from the Post War Construction Fund by the State Comptroller since the last meeting, as follows.

Military Department	\$ 2,171.22
Spring Grove State Hospital	14,922.00
State Reformatory for Women	12,757.00
Bowie State Teachers' College	4,330.20
Morgan State College	23,256.70
Maryland Training School for Colored Girls	27,825.28
Springfield State Hospital	44,955.43
Eastern Shore Chronic Disease Hospital	8,247.06
Department of Motor Vehicles	55,578.17
State Tobacco Warehouse	24,979.49
The Miners Hospital	4,076.00
Maryland Training School for Boys	3,923.79
State Grant to Local Sub-divisions toward payment of plans and specifications	4,480.00
University of Maryland	<u>318,083.58</u>
Total	\$549,585.92.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:

The Secretary called the attention of the Board to Senate Bill No. 44 which provides for a State Fiscal Research Bureau within the department of the State Tax Commission. The Secretary also called attention to the provisions of Article 31, Sections 7 to 9, inclusive, which provides for the publication of Statements of Financial Condition of all counties and incorporated towns, as well as special taxing units of the State, by the Board of Public Works, and recommended that this particular part of the Code be repealed.

After considering the matter fully, the Board instructed the Secretary to communicate with the Attorney General and request him to prepare such bill as might be necessary for introduction at the 1947 session of the General Assembly to repeal Sections 7 to 9, inclusive, of Article 31.

COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY:

The Comptroller advised the Board that it had been necessary for the Board of Revenue Estimates to engage a Junior Stenographer for the Bureau of Revenue Estimates but that at this time there were no funds available to the Bureau for payment of salary for this employee, and recommended that such compensation be made from the current budget of the Comptroller of the Treasury-General Department.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Comptroller.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the matter of contribution by the State to the National Association of Tax Administrators. This organization operates a headquarters in Chicago and is the "Clearing House" for a great deal of information which is of interest to the fiscal offices of the various states. The office also acts as the secretariat for several organizations of State officials and all of the information obtained is available to the various states. In fact, the State of Maryland is on the mailing list of the National Association of Tax Administrators and we have been receiving the benefit of all information which has been distributed.

We have been receiving this service without having contributed and it is thought that the State, in line with what is being done by other States, should make a contribution to the expense of the National Association of Tax Administrators. The amount the State would be expected to contribute is \$300.00 a year.

The Board approved the making of this contribution out of funds to be appropriated in the Budget, the first contribution to be in the Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1947.

The Board approved the payment of the following refunds from Miscellaneous Appropriation #2, Item #17, totaling \$59.75, covering Title Taxes:-

Mrs. Oliver D. Compton	\$2.19
Herman C. Vollmer	10.40
Kernan Motors, Inc.	31.05
James R. Whittaker	1.80
Ina S. McLeod	14.31

The Board also approved the payment of the following refunds from the budget of the State Tax Commission, Item #208-C, covering Franchise Taxes:-

The Hagerstown Chamber of Commerce, Inc.	\$10.00
Industrial Design & Illustrating, Inc.	10.00
Cap'n Cork, Inc.	10.00.

BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board copy of report received from the Board of Natural Resources covering the Six-Year Conservation Program of that agency.

In view of the fact that the Governor had not received a copy of the report and was not familiar with its contents, it was agreed to leave the report with him for study.

CHELTHENHAM SCHOOL FOR BOYS:

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board request of Cheltenham School for Boys for authority to use some of the money received as insurance for fire loss for the purchase of tools and machines needed for the Shop at the school.

The Board was unwilling to approve the use of fire loss payments for the purposes mentioned.

COURT COSTS:

The Board approved the payment of \$48.80 to Edward L. Koontz from budget item #207 of the Board of Public Works covering stenographic services rendered in connection with furnishing transcript of testimony in the case of Robert W. Cook, Petitioner, vs. Joseph H. A. Rogan, etc., in the Baltimore City Court on October 11, 1946, this obligation of the State Tax Commission having been approved by the State Law Department-Mr. Joseph D. Buscher.

DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND PROCUREMENT:

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Kirkman the Board approved the furnishing to Judge Robert France, a member of the Supreme Bench, of a set of the Annotated Code.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION:

The Board considered letter of the Department of Correction relative to the State Use Industries Fund, requesting approval to the repayment of \$10,000 by the Maryland State Reformatory for Males-State Use Industries to the Maryland State Reformatory for Males-Special Fund, it having been determined that the State Use Industries Fund is in a position to return the money at this time.

The Board approved the repayment of this money.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board request received from Mr. W. Lee Elgin, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, for authority to write-off from the books of that office appeal case of Curtis R. Myers, dated February 16, 1940, for violations of Sections 197-\$100.00, 194-\$1.00, and 186-\$10.00 (Total \$111.10). The Department has tried, unsuccessfully, to have this case adjusted and the matter closed.

The Board approved the request of Mr. Elgin.

DEPARTMENT OF TIDEWATER FISHERIES:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board letter of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries, dated December 19, 1946, in which permission was requested for that department to sell Steamer DuPont, known as S.S. Wicomico, to the Will-Spedden Shipyard, Baltimore, Maryland, for the price of \$1550.00, this being the highest offer received for this boat.

After discussing the matter, the Board authorized the sale of this boat at the price of \$1,550.00.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board communication which had been received from the Department of Tidewater Fisheries, Mr. Edwin Warfield, Jr., Chairman, relative to the audit report dated November 6, 1946, made by the State Auditor covering the accounts and records of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries for the period July 1, 1943 to June 30, 1945. The State Auditor, in his comments, had recommended that the accounts in the category of bad debts, etc., totaling \$677.82, be submitted to the Board of Public Works for authority to write-off same from the accounts of the department.

The Board approved the writing-off of \$677.82 of bad debts, composed of several bad checks received over a period of ten years, by the Department of Tidewater Fisheries.

GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND:

The Board approved an allotment of \$1,108.31 from the General Emergency Fund to the State Employees' Retirement System to take care of salary for an additional employe for that department for the period December 1, 1946 to June 30, 1947, this additional employe having been authorized by the Employees' Retirement System Board on November 27, 1946.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter received from Mr. Charles Z. Heskett, member of the State Aviation Commission, asking if it is possible to make available to the Commission sufficient funds to cover the travel expenses of the members of the Commission in attending meetings which are held in the Baltimore Offices of the Commission.

After due consideration, it was agreed that the members of this Commission, who serve without compensation, should be reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending meetings. It was suggested that the amount included in the Commission's budget for the current fiscal year for "Travel" should take care of this expense, but in the event the amount is insufficient, more funds should be transferred to the account of the State Aviation Commission from the General Emergency Fund.

The Board approved an allocation of \$3,000 to Rosewood State Training School from the General Emergency Fund to cover the cost of necessary refrigeration repairs.

LEASES:

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved the execution of the following leases.

- Maryland Game & Inland Fish Commission - International Salt Company, Inc., for Room 509 Munsey Building, Baltimore, for a term of two-and-one-half months from January 1, 1947, at a monthly rental of \$30.00.
- Maryland Game & Inland Fish Commission - The Munsey Building, for Room 509, Munsey Building, Baltimore, for a term of eight and one-half months from March 15, 1947, at a monthly rental of \$35.00.
- Unemployment Compensation Board - John E. Hurst & Company, Inc., for first floor and basement of 39-45 Hopkins Place, Baltimore, and first and second floors 116-118 Lombard Street, Baltimore, for a term of two years from January 1, 1947, at an annual rental of \$11,820.00.
- Unemployment Compensation Board - John E. Hurst & Co., Inc., for second floor of 39-45 Hopkins Place, Baltimore, and third floor 116-118 Lombard Street, Baltimore, for a term of two years from January 1, 1947, at an annual rental of \$6,800.00.
- State Roads Commission - Mount Moriah Lodge No. 116 A.F. & A.M., for basement area in Masonic Temple, Towson, Baltimore County, Maryland, for one year from January 1, 1947, at an annual rental of \$1,200.00.
- State Roads Commission - Elsie T. Wheatley and Claude W. Wheatley, for parcel of land and improvements situated and extending from 140 ft. south of the Easton-Claiborne Road, Route #3 (with a right of way 25 ft. wide to Route 33) to Federal Street, Easton, Maryland, for a term of four years from June 1, 1946, at a monthly rental of \$60.00.
- State Roads Commission - Frank C. Turner and Nannie J. Turner, for 4 office rooms, second floor, 325 High Street, Chestertown, Maryland, for one year from June 1, 1946, at an annual rental of \$540.
- State Roads Commission - Harry T. Phoebus and Vera B. Phoebus, for lot whereon is located the garage building of said Harry T. Phoebus at the Northwest corner of Main and Water Streets, Princess Anne, Maryland, for one year from December 17, 1946, at an annual rental of \$600.00. (See letter of State Law Department dated January 2, 1947 to Mr. Kirkman).

MILITARY DEPARTMENT:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the matter of schedule bond furnished by the Military Department covering various officers throughout the State in their obligations for the custody of the property assigned to the various armories, and submitted Continuation Certificate of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company in this matter dated for the term beginning September 10, 1946.

The Board approved the acceptance of this Continuation Certificate in view of the fact that the persons bonded will have discontinued their services to the State in the very near future. The Board did not feel it necessary to go to the additional expense of having an annual bond written in this case.

MARYLAND HOUSE OF CORRECTION:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication received from Mr. Omar D. Crother, Jr., Director, Department of Correction, requesting authority for the Maryland House of Correction to write-off as uncollectible an item in the amount of \$405.31 on their books due from the Maryland State Guard covering labor in connection with the clearing of C.C.C. Camp Patapsco State Forest in June 1944.

The Board approved this request.

MARYLAND STATE REFORMATORY FOR MALES:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter received from Mr. Omar D. Crothers, Jr., Director, Department of Correction, requesting authority for the Maryland State Reformatory for Males to sell to the State Roads Commission a small portion of land located at the entrance to the in-

stitution where the county road joins the Sharpsburg Pike, at a price of \$198.50. This property is desired by the State Roads Commission in eliminating a right angle turn at this point, and also for widening the road later.

The Board approved the sale of this property as requested.

MARYLAND TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter received from Mr. W. A. Gardner, Assistant to the Superintendent, Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium, in which information was requested as to the handling of a legacy from Mr. Ernest Muller of Series G Bonds in the amount of \$2,150.00.

Mr. Miles recommended that the institution should redeem the bonds and place the proceeds in the account known as the "Legacies and Donations Fund" of that institution, and the Board approved this recommendation.

MISCELLANEOUS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the matter of United States of America v. Certain Parcels of land in Prince George's County, Maryland, and George Lindner, et al, submitted to the Comptroller's Office by the Department of Justice-Lands Division. The entire matter had been referred to the State Law Department for investigation and recommendation to the Board. On December 31, 1946 Mr. T. Barton Harrington, Assistant Attorney General, forwarded to the Secretary in connection with this case a Stipulation which will revert title to property No. 11, in the above matter, in the State of Maryland and Benson P. McDaniel, the Administrator of the Federal Works Agency having determined the land embraced in Parcel No. 11, included in the Declaration of Taking No. 1, Judgment on the Declaration of Taking No. 1, and the First Amendment to the Petition for Condemnation (in Prince George's County), is not needed for military or other uses.

The Board approved the execution of this Stipulation and Governor Lane affixed his signature thereto on behalf of the State of Maryland-Board of Public Works.

MORGAN STATE COLLEGE:

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved transmittal in the amount of \$1,202.50 covering payments from the Scholarship Fund - Morgan State College, being the remainder of the scholarship grants for the first semester of the 1946-1947 school year.

OYSTERS:

The Secretary reported to the Board that he had received advice from the State Law Department that the case is ready for argument in the matter of dismissal proceedings of Condemnation Proceedings in Somerset County, and that Mr. J. Edgar Harvey, Assistant Attorney General, will handle the matter from now on.

REGISTER OF WILLS:

The Comptroller called the attention of the Board to a report of the State Auditor dated November 26, 1946, in which the accounts of Harry G. Berwager, former Register of Wills for Carroll County, covering the period October 1, 1941 to December 13, 1942, were reviewed. It was the recommendation of the Auditor that authority be requested for the writing off of \$39.96 of uncollected taxes, and the Comptroller concurred in this recommendation.

The Board approved the writing off of \$39.96 of uncollectible accounts from the books of the office of Register of Wills for Carroll County, for the period referred to above.

STATE EMPLOYEES:

The Board approved a three months' extension of sick leave in the case of Henry J. Koehler, employe of Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium, at the expiration of his current sick leave, with the understanding that the usual information blank of the Board will be completed and that the formal approval of the institution to this request will be made a part of the file in this case. Mr. Koehler submitted his request for an extension of sick leave at the suggestion of Mr. W. A. Gardner, Assistant Superintendent.

The Board approved request of the Department of Budget and Procurement for authority to compensate Mr. Andrew G. Foley, Warehouse Superintendent of that department, in the amount of \$96.33 in lieu of 13 days' vacation which the department was unable to grant this employe.

STATE PROPERTY:

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Kirkman, the Board approved the disposal of the following property no longer required for the conduct of the State's business.

Department of Budget & Procurement: sale of 1 light oak typewriter desk for \$40.00 by Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

State Use Industries: sale to Hamlin Machine Co., Malden, Mass., for \$700.00, of 1 Goodyear Stitcher; 1 Goodyear Rough Rounder; 1 Goodyear Welter; 1 Heel Breasting Machine; 1 Insole Lip Turner; 1 Sole Stitch Wheeling Machine; and 2 Insole Channeling Machines.

Department of State Forests & Parks: to Mr. Newton Kefauver, Jr., Frederick, Maryland, of International Stake Body Truck #828 for \$500.00.

State Roads Commission: sale to Feldstein Iron & Metal Co., Cumberland, Maryland, of 6 worn-out storage batteries at \$1.00 each; 70 truck and auto tires at 70¢ per 100 lbs.; and 5 or more tons assorted scrap metal at 70¢ per 100 lbs; and to The Maryland Pipe & Metal Co., Hagerstown, Maryland, of 4 tons scrap iron at 68¢ per 100 lbs.; 8 junk auto batteries at \$1.35 each; and 10 junk car and truck tires at 27¢ each; and to Anthony H. Purnell, Berlin, Maryland, 1 Jaeger Tilting Mixer for \$35.10; and to E. Roscoe Willey an Indiana dump truck for \$201.00; and to Byron Dill junk material remaining after salvaging all usable parts from equipment condemned on reports #3727 and #3728, for \$19.50; and to George W. Bower, junk remaining after salvaging all usable parts from equipment condemned by report #3751 for \$102.50; and to Scott and Wimbrow, junk remaining after salvaging all usable parts from equipment condemned by report #3752 for \$151.00; and 30 tar drums to be disposed of for use as cinder containers for ice treatment along the Pulaski Highway in District 4; 1 Littleford Tar Kettle to be disposed of as junk, bids to be taken at a later date; 6-cyl. 1936 Dodge Gasoline Engine #T-27-7807, all usable parts to be salvaged and block destroyed and placed in junk, to be disposed of later.

STATE ROADS COMMISSION:

The Board confirmed approval given previously by the individual members to the execution of several deeds of the State Roads Commission conveying property no longer required in the conduct of the State's business, as follows:-

To Margaret Denney of certain land in Cecil County;

Ernest D. Lettau and Irene A. Lettau, his wife, of certain parcels of land in Anne Arundel County,

these deeds having been formally executed by the members of the Board at the time of approval.

The Secretary advised the Board of receipt of a letter from Mr. B. F. Sherman, General Manager, Chesapeake Bay Ferry System, advising that there would be installed in the State Office Building, Annapolis, a radio transmitter and receiver by the General Electric Company for use in connection with radio equipment on ferry vessels and at the terminals. In connection with this installation, Mr. Sherman requested permission to install a short piece of pipe, with clamps, on a dormer window in the rear of the third floor of the State Office Building, to which will be attached a whip aerial of the type similar to those used on automobiles.

The Board was agreeable to the request made.

STATE TREASURER:

The Board approved the action of Mr. Miles in purchasing for the State Accident Fund:-

\$ 50,000 United States Treasury 2% Bonds, due 12/15/1952-54

\$100,000 United States Savings Bonds, 2½%, Series G,
due 1/1/1959 -.

In order that the provisions of Article 95, Section 28, of the Annotated Code be complied with, which permits access to the Treasurer when accompanied by the Governor or Comptroller or Chief Deputy Comptroller - Or to the Chief Deputy Treasurer when accompanied by the Governor or Comptroller, to the Safe Deposit Box in which the State Securities are kept, the following resolution was duly approved.

RESOLVED, That Article No. 95-Section 28, attached, to contract 260-I, shall have the right of access to and control of the contents of Safe Deposit Box No. 460-J in the vault of Baltimore National Bank, Main office, standing in the name of State of Maryland.

Further, in carrying out the provisions of Article 95, Section 28, of the Annotated Code, the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED, That Article No. 95, Section 28, attached to contract 260-I, shall have the right of access to and control of the contents of the Safe Deposit Box No. 260-I in the vault of Baltimore National Bank, Main Office, standing in the name of State of Maryland.

STATE TOBACCO WAREHOUSE:

Since the last meeting of the Board the Secretary referred to the Attorney General the claim of Mr. F. W. Florenz, trading as the Ed. C. Geyer & Co., that the State reimburse his clients, the Phillip-Morris Tobacco Company, for excess loss in the weight of tobacco purchased by the company which was stored at the State Tobacco Warehouse. The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter received from Mr. Hall Hammond, Attorney General, dated January 10, 1947, in which it is stated that because of the decision in the case of Moore vs. State, 47 Md. 467, in which the Court of Appeals held that the State was not liable for destruction of tobacco in the Warehouse by fire, either on the theory of contract or of tort, and under the general principle of State immunity for the negligent or tortious acts of its agencies and employees there is no liability in this situation.

The Board felt it would not be in order for them to give any consideration to the claim.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BOARD:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board report received from the Unemployment Compensation Board covering the activities of that office for the quarter ended September 30, 1946, showing in detail the taxes collected, the accounts receivable, the liens filed and judgments obtained on tax claims, and a list in detail of the interest waived, the balance of accounts abated and adjusted and the accounts that in the opinion of the Board are uncollectible, in the amount of \$81,294.49, \$118,711.60, \$2,575.23, and \$10,360.36, respectively. Approval by the Board of Public Works of this report was recommended by Mr. Albert A. Levin, Special Assistant Attorney General for the Unemployment Compensation Board, in a letter dated November 27, 1947.

After carefully considering the report, the Board approved the actions of the Unemployment Compensation Board as reported therein.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND:

Mr. Kirkman advised the Board that he had received information to the effect that the University of Maryland was in the process of erecting temporary buildings at College Park, which buildings were being made available to the University at no cost out of Federal Surplus Property. It is understood that these buildings are those for which the Board previously authorized the construction of sewers, water lines, roads, etc., with the understanding that all costs will be defrayed from the current income of the University without additional funds being requested from the State.

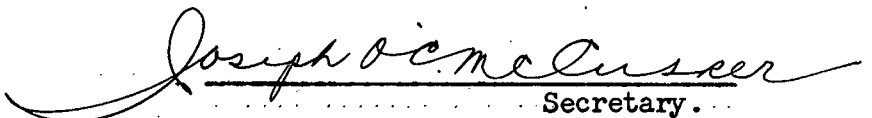
The Secretary stated that he had received a telephone call from Mr. C. L. Benton, Comptroller, University of Maryland, just a few minutes before leaving his office for this meeting, requesting approval to the use of \$1200.00 from the balance to the credit of the University in the General Bond Issue of 1941 to take care of some work necessary in connection with equipment obtained for the Princess Anne Branch of the University of Maryland from the War Assets Administration. Mr. Benton advised the Secretary that items aggregating \$2,000.00, approximately, had been purchased from the same account and he was advised that in the case of all expenditures of moneys appropriated in Bond Issues it was necessary to obtain the approval of the Board of Public Works to such expenditures in advance of making such expenditures.

The Board was willing to approve the expenditures referred to with the understanding that the Secretary would obtain from Mr. Benton detailed statements showing the expenditures out of this account.

WAR MEMORIAL BUILDING:

Since the last meeting of the Board the Secretary communicated with the State Law Department relative to the transfer of title to the War Memorial Building in Baltimore to comply with Section 89 of Article 65 of the Code. Mr. Hall Hammond, Attorney General, advised the Secretary that this matter is receiving attention and that in about two weeks the City Council will pass the Ordinance required to accomplish this transfer of title.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Secretary.

